

REMARKS

By the foregoing, independent claim 1 is amended to obviate the Examiner's stated basis for requiring restriction. The restriction requirement is traversed below.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement, Group II, claims 7-10, 16 and 17, "drawn to a method of making the product" is elected, with traverse.

Traversal of Restriction Requirement

The Examiner asserts that, under PCT Rule 13.2, "Group I lacks the method of making the product recited in Group II."

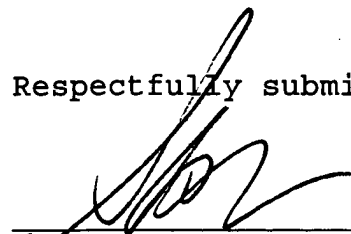
In response, product claim 1 of Group I is amended to recite that at least one of the connection interfaces comprises a "rotary friction weld." Amended claim 1 thus in effect recites a product made by the process of claim 7 of Group II, which claim 7 recites process steps for making a rotary friction weld during the manufacture of a magnet frame for an electromagnetic actuator.

Accordingly, it is requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all claims in the case be examined on the merits.

Conclusion

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement and favorable initial examination on the merits are requested. Claims 1-10 and 12-17 are in the case. Claims 7-10, 16 and 17 are elected, with traverse.

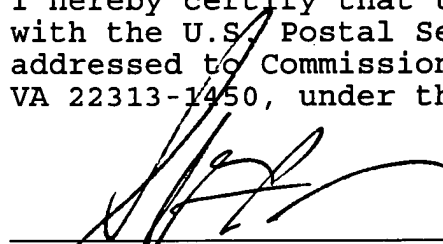
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